

March 6, 2023

Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I strongly **OPPOSE H.B. No. 6816** (LCO No. 5081) AN ACT CONCERNING MICROSTAMPING-ENABLED PISTOLS, RAISING THE AGE TO PURCHASE AMMUNITION AND RESTRICTING THE SALE AND POSSESSION OF BODY ARMOR.

MICROSTAMPING-ENABLED PISTOLS

- Microstamping is unrealistic and has been proven to be an inconsistent technology even under laboratory conditions. Variables in metallurgy of the cartridge cases alone can vary widely and not take a legible stamp.
- Microstamping has been proven to wear away in a short period of time as does any irregular surface on a plane subject to impact or sliding friction action. A bad actor could easily remove a microstamp with a simple finger-nail file purchased at a Walmart.
- Microstamping is just another anti-gun gimmick that's intent is to place an undue burden on the law-abiding gun owner. It would increase the price of the firearms putting them financially out of the reach of people on the lower end of the income spectrum. People on the lower end of the income spectrum tend to be minorities. And thus, this proposed legislation, along with all anti-gun legislation, as history has shown, is inherently Racist!

RAISING THE AGE TO PURCHASE AMMUNITION

- If someone is old enough to enlist in the military and potentially die for their country they should not be restricted on the right to legally own or purchase firearms or ammunition.

RESTRICTING THE SALE AND POSSESSION OF BODY ARMOR

- This is totally illogical. Body armor is not a weapon, it offers protection in a dangerous situation. This proposed legislation makes no sense.

I urge you to **OPPOSE HB No. 6816**.

Sincerely,
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